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The Problem:

There is an overpopulation of Rusty Crayfish in the Middle Eau Claire Lake, Bayfield County, and this has resulted in a loss of vegetation, which the panfish need for a balanced existence.

At present, the State laws allow for a daily limit of 5 small mouth bass, and a possession limit of 10 small mouth bass, with a size minimum size of 14 inches.

Whereas, the crayfish are ruining the natural habitat of the panfish in Middle Eau Claire Lake.

Whereas the Eau Claire Lakes Conservation Club requests changing the allowable size of the daily catch to 5 small mouth bass under 14 inches. Also, allowable in the daily catch of 5 fish would be one bass over 18 inches. Simply put, this means no small mouth bass between 14 and 18 inches can be kept. These changes should increase the Middle Eau Claire Lake small mouth Bass population, which would in turn feed upon the extensive Crayfish population.

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress, at its' annual meeting held at the Bayfield County Court House, Washburn, Wisconsin on April 10, 2006, recommends the Department of Natural Resources take action to try and correct this situation by changing the daily size and possession limits of the small mouth bass in Middle Eau Claire Lake, Bayfield County.

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